Author’s Purpose Worksheet 5

Directions: Read the descriptions of each item and determine the author’s purpose (to entertain, persuade, or inform). Then, in a sentence or two, explain your answer.

1. A poem about the beauty of Mount Everest as seen from a mountain climber’s perspective

   Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

   Explain Your Answer:
   Write a sentence or two.

2. A coupon for a guided tour up Mount Everest at a rate of two for the price of one

   Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

   Explain Your Answer:
   Write a sentence or two.

3. A map of a secret trail to the top of Mount Everest

   Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

   Explain Your Answer:
   Write a sentence or two.

4. A novel about a young man who learns the importance of teamwork while climbing to the top of Mount Everest

   Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

   Explain Your Answer:
   Write a sentence or two.

5. A Wikipedia page with facts and records about Mount Everest

   Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

   Explain Your Answer:
   Write a sentence or two.
6. Jimmy Carter’s 1979 presidential address in which he asked Americans to use less energy

Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

Explain Your Answer:
Write a sentence or two.

7. A bar graph showing US gasoline consumption compared to nine other nations

Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

Explain Your Answer:
Write a sentence or two.

8. A short story about a young boy who starts a bike sharing program in his community to
reduce energy consumption.

Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

Explain Your Answer:
Write a sentence or two.

9. A webpage that contains a list of things that you can do to reduce your energy consumption

Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

Explain Your Answer:
Write a sentence or two.

10. A chain email with 25 reasons why you should reduce your energy consumption

Author’s Purpose: ______________________________________________________________

Explain Your Answer:
Write a sentence or two.